been taken up. The detailed project report and estimate are under preparation.

Under Rengali Left Canal system it is proposed to provide irrigation facility in Jajpur District of Orissa. At present work is in progress from 0.00 to 71.313 km of Left Bank Canal funded by World Bank and Japan Bank for International Cooperation in two streches.The work in balance portion will be taken up in due course depending on the availability of funding sources.

Loan for Educated Unemployed Youth in Maharashtra

*39. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths in Maharashtra who applied for loan under Prime Minsiter Rozgar Yojana for setting up their own industrial units/business during the last three years;

(b) the number of such applications pending for approval; and

(c) the details of reasons for the delay and what steps Government have taken or propose to take for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Reserve Bank of India, details of the number of applications received and pending in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the State of Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years are as under:

Year	Target	No. of applications received	No. of loans sanctioned	No. of loans disbursed	No. of applications pending
2000-01	45,000	62108	31280	23250	9421
2001-02	27,900	51195	23454	17742	6023
2002-03*	27650	43980	20033	13416	9312

*Disbursement permitted upto 30.09.2003.

(c) The major factors leading to delays in sanction/disbursement of loans are as follows:

(i) non-sponsoring of viable loan applications;

(ii) lack of necessary infrastructure and backward/forward linkages such as marketing of produced goods etc.;

(iii) delay in submission of required documents and completion of prescribed formalities by borrowers;

(iv) delay in allotment of shed, power connection, water supply, etc. and

(v) poor recovery position.

Government and RBI constantly review, monitor and evaluate the progress under the PMRY scheme. The performance of the banks in regard to sanction and disbursement under the scheme is also critically reviewed in different fora such as District Level Review Committee (DLRC) and State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) etc., where besides the representatives of RBI, implementing banks, representatives from concerned State Government Departments participate in the discussion. In addition, the progress of implementation of the scheme is also reviewed by a monitoring cell under the Chairmanship of Deputy Governor, RBI. Banks have been instructed to arrange necessary training programmes for the branch level officials to sensitize them to the needs of this sector. Further, cut-off dates for lapsing of sanction/disbursement has been prescribed and banks have been advised to adhere to the quarterly schedule for sanction and disbursement of PMRY loans. This will ensure reduction in the gap between sanction and disbursals under the scheme. Banks have been further instructed to dispose of loan applications up to Rs. 25,000/- with in 2 weeks and upto Rs. 2 lakh with in 4 weeks provided the loan applications are complete in all respects.

Demand and supply of LPG in Assam

*40. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated monthly requirement of LPG in various districts of Assam;